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Mrs. W.P. Honeycutt, Dr Eugene Hargrove, Mrs. L.G. Deyton and Dr. W.M. Folkes, Jr.

DR. HARGROVE SPEAKS TO MENTAL HEALTH GROUP AT AREA MEETING

Approximately 100 people gathered at the Community Building in Burnsville on Wednesday to hear an address by Dr. Eugene Hargrove, State Mental Health Commissioner. The group was made up of interested citizens from the counties of Buncombe, Madison, Mitchell, and Yancey, and comprised representatives of Welfare agencies, hospitals, mental health clinics, doctors, ministers and just plain people.

The welcome was given by Mr. Q. W. Deyton, Chmn. County Board of Commissioners.

Mrs. Louella Honeycutt, Chmn. of the Yancey County Mental Health Ass'n. introduced Dr. W. M. Folkes, Jr., Deputy Commissioner for the Western Region of the State Dept. of Mental Health.

Dr. Folkes stated that the reason for the meeting was to find ways and means by which a community may cooperate in the establishment of a mental health program, and the establishment of a comprehensive community mental health center. He stated that very often upon going into a community the first question asked was "What are you going to do about this", which question he immedi-

ately put back in the lap of the asker; that communities should first ask themselves what they can do about the problem, make a survey of the resources in the community — that people generally were not aware of the assets in their own community or town.

Dr. Folkes then introduced Dr. Hargrove, who pointed out the great changes that have taken place in the last fifty years, and especially in the last ten or 15 years in the treatment of retardation and mental illness. He said that 50 years ago mental illness was thought of as a very dreadful kind of sickness, the only treatment being to put the person away in an isolated state hospital; that these institutions were most often placed out in the country away from community contact — so far away that the patient had few visits from family or friends; that such institutions were called "Insane Asylums", which carried a very ugly connotation, and became associated with isolation and segregation. Over the years, though the state felt this method did not work, they continued to build larger psychiatric facilities still farther removed from the family and friends

of patients; that in many instances patients would remain in the institution for the rest of their lives.

Dr. Hargrove said that some 50 years ago doctors realized that the scope of mental health was broader than just those who

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Pictured is a part of the First Baptist Church congregation moving from their present church building, left background, to the Ground Breaking Ceremony Sunday at the site

where a new church plant will be constructed.

LIONS NAME LEE CHILDRESS MAN OF YEAR

Lee Childress, manager of Radio Station WKYK, was named Lion of the Year by Burnsville Lions Club at their meeting Thursday night.

Lion Childress who came to Burnsville and to the local Lions Club less than one year ago has done the club and his community many outstanding services since he came here with his family. Members of the club pointed out when he was elected to this honor that with his association with Radio Station



Lion Lee Childress

Baptists Break Ground For New Church Plant

Two hundred or more members of the First Baptist Church here attended the Ground Breaking Ceremony at the building site here Sunday morning following church service.

Rev. Harold McDonald, pastor, brought his Sunday morning message around the rebuilding of the Jerusalem Wall by Israel following the return from the Babylonian captivity. He pointed out that many of the same obstacles may be encountered by any church in a building program.

Following the message, the entire congregation walked to the new building site, led by Rev. McDonald and Edgar F. Hunter, Jr., chairman of the church building committee.

At the site Rev. McDonald turned the first spade of dirt, followed by the heads of each church department. Also taking a part in the ceremony were the architect and contractor.

The architect furnishing plans for the new building is Eugene Warren and the building contractor is Carl Morrison. Both men attended the services with their families.

Some work was begun this week on the site.

WKYK and with his personal contacts he went many times beyond the call of duty to promote the many activities in Yancey County during the past year. Also, he was cited because of his personal efforts to make worth while fund drives in the community a success. He has strived to put all public services on radio, including churches, schools and clubs.

Lion Childress was recently associated as an official with the Heart Fund Drive, and was appointed as director of the United Fund Drive here next year.

Childress came to Burnsville in April, 1967, and launched broadcasting over Radio Station WKYK on May 25, 1967. Before he came here, he was manager of a radio station at Granite Falls, N. C. He also worked with Radio Station WMMH in Marshall. He attended Elkins Electronics School in Atlanta, Ga., and has been in radio business since 1953.

Born in Mt. Airy, N. C., Childress married the former Miss Mary Lynn Brannach, also of Mt. Airy. They have two sons and live in East Burnsville.